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## **High-Speed Rail Authority Wins CEQA Lawsuit**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Sacramento County Superior Court has rejected the Town of Atherton’s lawsuit, finding that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has complied with the environmental review requirements in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

“This is an important ruling and is testament to the fact that the Authority is committed to delivering the high-speed rail project in accordance with the law and in partnership with the public,” said Jeff Morales, Authority CEO. “We continue to move forward to start construction this summer and create thousands of jobs in California.”

The Town of Atherton had argued the Authority did not comply with the requirements of CEQA, but the court rejected that argument, noting the project could proceed through a phased implementation approach or through a blended system in the Caltrain corridor.

The court also said that the Authority did an adequate job of engaging the public in the environmental review process. “Respondent adequately disclosed to the public how the Project would be implemented, and described in adequate detail what the environmental consequences of such implementation would be,” the Court said.

Since the beginning of the year, two other CEQA lawsuits brought against the Authority have been settled.

### ***About California High-Speed Rail Authority***

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at [cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://cahighspeedrail.ca.gov) and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at [twitter.com/cahsra/](https://twitter.com/cahsra/)

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